

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1401, AS REPORTED**  
**OFFERED BY MR. HALL OF OHIO**

At the end of subtitle B of title II (page 37, after line 13), insert the following new section:

1 **SEC. 213. SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING DEFENSE**  
2 **SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM.**

3 (a) **FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH FUNDING REQUIRE-**  
4 **MENTS.**—It is the sense of Congress that the Secretary  
5 of Defense has failed to comply with the funding objective  
6 for the Defense Science and Technology Program, espe-  
7 cially the Air Force Science and Technology Program, as  
8 required by section 214(a) of the Strom Thurmond Na-  
9 tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1999  
10 (Public Law 105–261; 112 Stat. 1948), thus jeopardizing  
11 the stability of the defense technology base and increasing  
12 the risk of failure to maintain technological superiority in  
13 future weapons systems.

14 (b) **FUNDING REQUIREMENTS.**—It is further the  
15 sense of Congress that, for each of the fiscal years 2001  
16 through 2009, it should be an objective of the Secretary  
17 of Defense to increase the budget for the Defense Science  
18 and Technology Program, including the science and tech-  
19 nology program within each military department, for the  
20 fiscal year over the budget for that program for the pre-

1 ceding fiscal year by a percent that is at least two percent  
2 above the rate of inflation as determined by the Office of  
3 Management and Budget.

4 (c) CERTIFICATION.—If a proposed budget fails to  
5 comply with the objective set forth in subsection (b), the  
6 President shall certify to Congress that the budget does  
7 not jeopardize the stability of the defense technology base  
8 or increase the risk of failure to maintain technological  
9 superiority in future weapons systems.